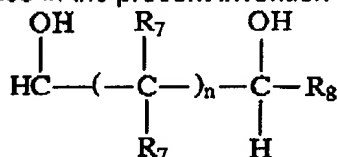


AMENDMENTSIn the Specification

Please amend page 8, line 4 of the specification as follows:

It has been determined in the present invention that amylase enzymes are even less stable than other types of enzymes in the presence of hydrogen peroxide. (One particular amylase enzyme type that is less stable than even other types of amylase enzymes in the presence of hydrogen peroxide, is an α -amylase enzyme having a specific activity at least 25% higher than the specific activity of Termamyl[®] at a temperature range of 25°C to 55°C and at a pH value in the range of 8 to 10, measured by the Phadebas[®] α -amylase activity assay.)

The addition of diols can also improve the enzymatic stability of a liquid dishwashing composition. Diols suitable for use in the present invention have the following formula:



wherein $n = 0-3$, $\text{R}_7 = \text{H}$, methyl or ethyl; and $\text{R}_8 = \text{H}$, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl and isobutyl. Preferred diols include propylene glycol, 1,2 hexanediol, 2-ethyl-1,3-hexanediol and 2,2,4-trimethyl-1,3-pentanediol.

While the deleterious effects are not as severe enzyme stability may also be adversely affected by certain citric acid and salts thereof (citrates), as is discussed below in the section on builder materials.

SURFACTANTS

The compositions of this invention comprise from about 5 % to about 90 %, more preferably from about 25 % to about 70 % by weight surfactant.

Anionic Surfactants - The anionic surfactants useful in the present invention are preferably selected from the group consisting of linear alkylbenzene sulfonate, alpha olefin sulfonate, paraffin sulfonates, alkyl ester sulfonates, alkyl sulfates, alkyl alkoxy sulfate, alkyl sulfonates, alkyl alkoxy carboxylate, alkyl alkoxyated sulfates, saroosinates, taurinates, and mixtures thereof. An effective amount, typically from about 0.5% to about 90%, preferably about 5% to about 50%, more preferably from about 10 to about 30%, by weight of anionic deterative surfactant can be used in the present invention.

Suitable examples of anionic surfactants may be found in copending provisional patent application of Chandrika Kasturi et al., entitled "Liquid Detergent Compositions Comprising Polymeric Suds Enhancers", having P & G Case No. 6938P, serial no.